



## Summer of Service 2014



Dear Potential SOS Volunteer: Thank you for your interest in the Summer of Service (SOS) offered by Seattle Parks and Recreation. The purpose of SOS is to provide underserved youth with personal growth opportunities, inspire community engagement, and introduce early employment skills. We also incorporate environmental stewardship, race and social justice issues, youth empowerment and recognition in our inclusive programs.

- You Will:**
- Meet new people and create friendships.
  - Make a difference in the community.
  - Get comfortable working outdoors, in bad weather, doing manual labor, and getting dirty.
  - Work collaboratively with a team of 10 teens to affect change.
  - Reflect creatively on your experience through mixed media including a final project.
- Eligibility:**
- Entering the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade after summer 2014 (2014-2015 school year).
  - Must be a citizen, national or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States.
- Selection:**
- Complete applications with letter of interest are accepted on a first come, first served basis. **Submitting an application early is highly recommended.**
- Dates:**
- Orientation: July 1
  - Celebration Event: August 20 at Camp Long
  - Program: July 7 through August 15 (six weeks)
- Hours:**
- 4 days a week, about 6 hours per day
  - Mon. – Thurs. **OR** Tues. – Fri., 9 am to 3:30 pm (Varies depending on assigned project).
- Stipend:**
- Earn a **\$150 stipend** for completion of the program.
  - Complete and document 100 hours of service (timesheets provided) and meet all program expectations. No partial stipends are given.
- Where:**
- Project sites and workshops take place throughout the city. A meeting location will be designated by the team (i.e. at a community center, or other Parks location). *SOS participants are responsible for getting to and from meeting location. While it is a priority to place participants in a location near home, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.*
- Apply:**
- Complete the application on next page as soon as possible.
  - Submit a letter of interest (information about what to include is on the top of the application). **Letter and application must be submitted together or it will be considered incomplete.**
- Deadline:**
- In staff hands by May 14, 2014 at 5pm. SOS participants are accepted on a first come first served basis. Submitting an application early is highly recommended.**

If you have any further questions, please contact us at: 206.684.4575 or [teen.programs@seattle.gov](mailto:teen.programs@seattle.gov).

Sincerely,

SOS Program  
Seattle Parks and Recreation

**In staff hands by WED., MAY 14, 2014 at 5pm**

Please mail application and letter of interest to:

Seattle Parks and Recreation

Attention: SOS Program

100 Dexter Ave N Box #4

Seattle, WA 98109



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### Teen Checklist

We encourage you to make a copy of your application for your records before submitting.

**Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

A complete application must include the following:

- ☐ 2014 SOS Application filled out completely and to the best of your ability.
- ☐ Letter of Interest.
- ☐ Applicant signature
- ☐ Parent/ guardian signature

### **PLEASE MAIL TO:**

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Attn: SOS  
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Seattle, WA 98109

### **APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING LETTER OF INTEREST DUE:**

**Wednesday, MAY 14, 2014 @ 5 PM**  
**(Received by, not postmarked by May 14th)**



Please complete ALL sections of the application as directed. Only fully completed applications with a letter of interest (on a separate sheet of paper) will be accepted.



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***Please submit applications with letters of interest as soon as possible***

### Letters of interest should include:

- Why you want to participate in the SOS in Seattle program
- How your participation in SOS will help with your future academic and career goals
- What makes you a strong candidate for the program
- Why volunteering is important for you and the community

Name:	_____	_____	_____
	First	Last	Middle Initial
Address:	_____ Apt#: _____		
City:	_____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Home Phone:	____(____)_____	Alternate Phone:	____(____)_____
Email Address:	_____	Male: <input type="checkbox"/>	Female: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
School:	_____	Age: _____	Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____
How did you hear about the SOS program? _____			
If someone referred you to the program, who was it? _____			

### **Please complete the following section:**

By signing below you are stating that you have read all enclosed materials concerning the SOS in Seattle Program and that all statements you have made in the application are true to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parental or Guardian Approval**

We have read and understand the enclosed materials that describe the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, SOS in Seattle Program. We have discussed the program with our child and understand the expectations and authorize him/her to apply for and participate in the SOS in Seattle Program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_